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In re application of

Christophe BERTEZ et al.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
THE LASER CUTTING OF STAINLESS  
STEEL, COATED STEEL, ALUMINUM  
OR ALUMINUM ALLOYS WITH A  
BIFOCAL OPTICAL COMPONENT

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 3, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

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--2. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the multifocus optical means is chosen from lenses,  
mirrors and combinations thereof.--

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the assist gas is an oxygen/nitrogen mixture containing  
at least 90% nitrogen.--

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,